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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, 1995, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1995

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. HAYWORTH].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 10, 1995.

I hereby designate the Honorable J.D. HAYWORTH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

With so many words to be said and so much that needs to be accomplished, we pray, O God, for integrity in our inner beings and a forthright attitude in our hearts. The conflicts and differences of our ideas can cause us to speak in ways that do not contribute to our shared goals and we are not heard. We pray that our eyes will be open to the truth, our ears will hear what is spoken, and our words will point the way to justice, for by so doing we will be messengers of the wonders of all creation and faithful workers in our land. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Chair's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 5, rule I, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Florida [Mr. STEARNS] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Mr. STEARNS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2589. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until December 31, 1995, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 2394. An act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1995, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans;

H.R. 2586. An act to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit, and for other purposes; and

H.J. Res. 115. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill and a joint resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 848. An act to grant the consent of Congress to an amendment of the Historic Chat-tahoochee Compact between the States of Alabama and Georgia; and

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution expressing the sense of Congress with respect to North-South dialogue on the Korean Peninsula and the United States-North Korea Agreed Framework.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

LEAVE OUR CHILDREN THE AMERICAN DREAM, NOT THE AMERICAN DEBT

(Mr. BOEHNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, do you see this? This is a piggy bank. Not a normal piggy bank that we would expect most American children to have. This is a piggy bank the American children are going to need to have to fill with \$187,000 over their lifetime. It is going to be for their share of the interest on the national debt if we do not balance the budget soon.

We are imprisoning our children, and theirs, by continuing to pile more and more debt on their backs. What we want to do for our children, and for their children, is to leave them the American dream, not the American debt.

Mr. Speaker, the President offers no plan. The President offers no leadership. It is unfortunate that the President has left nothing but our choice to bring this Government to a halt to save the future for our children.

VETERANS DAY

(Mr. MONTGOMERY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow, November 11, is Veterans Day, which means honoring all veterans who fought in all of the wars so that we could have this great freedom in our country today because of our veterans.

Also, Mr. Speaker, tomorrow ends a 4-year celebration of the 50th anniversary of World War II. On November 11, here in the Washington area, we will honor the war dead at Arlington cemetery. Then that afternoon, a groundbreaking of a World War II Memorial will take place.

Mr. Speaker, this will be a site between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. It will be like the Vietnam Memorial, like the Korean Memorial. It will be honoring the World War II veterans that fought in the largest war that we ever had. November 11 is very, very important to the people of this country.

THE PRESIDENT HAS A CHOICE

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the President has a choice to make. He can help us balance the budget and save the country, or he can close the Government down. This is not brain surgery.

The President has a choice. Unfortunately, I am concerned that for political reasons, the President will make the wrong choice.

Yesterday, instead of asking to meet with Congress to try to figure out how to work this out, the President chose instead to meet with his Cabinet Members to figure out the logistics to shutting the Government down.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have passed a plan to balance the budget. The President, however, offered us no leadership, no plan, and no choice, and that is a real shame.

PRESIDENT IS DUE EXPLANATION
FROM SECRETARY OF ENERGY

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Wall Street Journal broke a story contending that the Secretary of Energy has spent \$43,500 to evaluate news services and reporters' coverage of her and her Department.

Mr. Speaker, I serve on the oversight committee, the Committee on Science, where we have been trying to reposition and reevaluate the Energy Department to make cuts for a balanced budget by the year 2002 in a bipartisan way.

This is inexcusable that \$43,000 is spent in this kind of manner. That is as much as the average American family earns in a year, plus \$10,000. I understand she is meeting with the President this morning and I would encourage the President that if he does not get straight answers and a good rationale for this decision, that he get the Secretary's resignation.

IN EXTRAORDINARY TIMES, EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ARE REQUIRED

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, let me read a quotation from May 28, 1992, and ask you who said this:

Democrats have warned that the day of reckoning was upon us. Now it is here. Our country cannot function with an annual \$400 billion deficit, and in these extraordinary times, extraordinary measures are required.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT], that is what the gentleman said on May 28, 1992. Now, these are tough measures, but as the minority leader said, in extraordinary times, extraordinary measures are required.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to balance the budget, we are going to cut taxes, we are going to save Medicare, and we are going to reform welfare, too.

The bills we have sent to the President on Monday are going down as a downpayment on these efforts. Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, the President offers no leadership, no plan, and no choice.

CHINA SELLING NUCLEAR
MATERIALS TO IRAN

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, everybody knows that China enjoys most-favored-nation trade status with America. Everybody knows that China enjoys a \$40 billion-plus trade surplus with America. But check this out. The Pentagon says China is selling nuclear weapons to Iran.

The Pentagon says no matter how hard they try, China just does not want to listen. The Pentagon says China just will not cooperate, and the Pentagon says we just cannot do anything about China.

Mr. Speaker, why not send some Pittsburgh Steelers crying towels over to the Pentagon? The truth is Washington is so screwed up, while the Government in America may be shutting down, China is selling nuclear capabilities to Iran and ripping off American workers.

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. There is no intelligent life left here.

CASE HAS NOT BEEN MADE FOR
SENDING TROOPS TO BOSNIA

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton wants to send 20,000 Americans to Bosnia. He wants to send them there for 1 year, although many experts say if we get on the ground there, we will be there at least 10 years. He wants to send us into a situation where there will be hostile forces on all sides. He wants us to be in the middle of centuries-old animosities.

Mr. Speaker, into this cauldron he wants to send 20,000 young Americans. Do not think of this in the abstract. That is too easy. Personalize it a little bit. We must think of it as if they were our children, our brothers, our sisters.

Mr. Speaker, I have three daughters. Can I go to Janna and say, "Janna, it is important for America for you to go to Bosnia"? "Lori, for a better America, I want you in Bosnia"? "Juli, the country needs you in Bosnia"?

Bill Clinton, look into Chelsea's eyes and say "Chelsea, for the future of America, we want you in Bosnia." Mr. Speaker, if we would not send our own kids over there, we should not send other people's kids over there. The case has not been made for wasting one of these young lives.

ADVICE TO PRESIDENT CLINTON

(Mr. DURBIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. Speaker, now we see the capstone of the Gingrich revolution. The Gingrich revolution started